

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By MARY GRAMM BOONER

THE SNOWSTORM.

"The snow, the snow," called Peter Gnome, as the flakes softly fell.

"The snow, the snow," called Billie Brownie.

"Oh, isn't it glorious?" the fairies called.

"The lovely, fresh, soft, white flakes of snow," said Bessie Brownie. "How I love them!" And to show that he meant what he said he fell down in the little snow piles which were very slowly mounting up. He was all covered with snow when he got up, and how he laughed with joy.

"It's going to be a regular snowstorm," he said.

It had snowed quite often before at times during the autumn, but this was the first really big snowstorm. This was a snowstorm which would amount to something. This snow would fall upon the ground and stay there for some time. It had melted very quickly after the other snowstorms, and there hadn't been any real parties.

"We can have coasting parties and sleighing parties, we can make forts and have snowball fights. We can make snowmen. In fact, we can do everything with this sort of a snowstorm," said Peter Gnome.

"Heigh-ho, heigh-ho," called out a deep voice.

"Who's there? Who's there?" called out another familiar voice.

And from two opposite parts of the woods came dear old Mr. Giant, his face full of smiles, and Witty Witch, who wore a tall white hat with decorations of icicles.

"I've come dressed for the party," she laughed.

"Here am I, and here are the others," said the fairy queen. She came flying along on a new kind of flying snowshoes which she had wished for when waving her magic wand. And the fairies had all come too.

Soon appeared all the other brownies and gnomes, the Bogey and Oaf families, the elves and Peter Goblin with his band of goblins, laughing, chuckling as they ran and skipped along.

"Well," said the king of the snow, "I didn't know I was going to give you all such a party."

And he laughed very hard. As he laughed the snow fell harder and more than ever. It seemed as if it fell right from old King Snow and all the snow fairies, and all the earth fairies felt that everywhere in the skies there were just quantities and quantities of snow which simply had to get down to the earth.

"This is simply gorgeous," said Peter Gnome.

"Isn't it?" said Billie Brownie. And they hugged each other so that they fell over in a snowbank, but they really meant to do that.

The snowbanks grew larger. The snow was becoming deeper. The trees were all heavily laden with it. The woods and the country around seemed to be covered by a wonderful white blanket of snow, with beautiful shapes and figures made by the branches of the trees which were covered by it.

"Well, what shall we do first?" asked Peter Gnome.

"There is so much to do, it is hard to know how to begin," said Billie Brownie, "and it is even harder to know what to do first."

"Let's have some coasting first," called out the fairies.

"And let's have some snowshoe races, too," said the elves.

"Oh, do let's build some snowmen," said the Oaf family.

"And let's make a fort," said the Bogey family.

"We'll make snowballs and have a fine snowball fight, eh?" asked the brownies.

"And we'll have a sleighing party with our sleighs covered with merry, tinkling bells," suggested Witty Witch.

"Well," said Mr. Giant, "there are so many suggestions and they're all so good, that I say we do them all, and if we haven't time for them all today, we'll continue the party throughout the week."

And all thought Mr. Giant's suggestion was such a good one that they began having a regular snowstorm continuous party. And the snowking was merry and gay!

She Knew.

"Can any member of the class tell anything about waves?" asked the pretty young school teacher.

"Yesum," whanged little Ethel, "I can."

"Well, how many different kinds of waves are there?"

"Three—ocean waves, thought waves and Marcel waves."—Florida Times-Union.

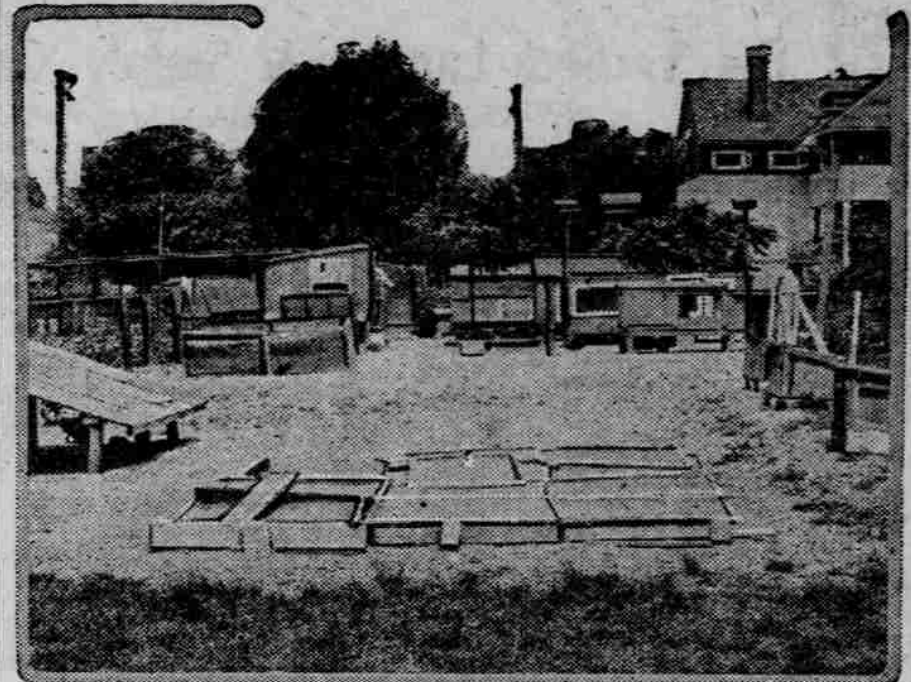
City vs. Farm Poultry Raising

Prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture

On the farm the poultry keeper can greatly reduce the work of caring for the fowls and at the same time give them the opportunity to pick the most of their living by distributing them on the land. In the city back yard the birds could not, under any circumstances, pick any considerable part of the feed they require. Practically everything must be supplied them, hence any negligence on the part of the keeper affects results more unfavorably than when the hens are under farm conditions.

Yet there is nothing difficult in the care of a small flock if each of the things necessary to do is done at the right time in the right way, and this system involves nothing too hard for a child, or beyond the ingenuity of an adult who cannot look after the fowls as closely as the child whose time is divided between home and school.

Hens of the medium-sized breeds—Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds and Orpingtons—are best suited to back-yard conditions. Large hens kept in close confinement are likely to get too fat to lay well. Small,



Intensive Poultry Culture on a City Lot.

nervous hens are apt to develop such vices as egg-eating and feather eating. The bad tendencies mentioned do not prohibit the keeping of large and small breeds in small back yards, but make it necessary for the keeper to use extraordinary care to keep them in good condition and productive. White and light-colored varieties are not desirable for small back yards, because their plumage soils too easily.

As a rule it is most satisfactory to buy hens of a local poultry keeper or dealer in live poultry. Desirable small flocks are frequently offered by people who are obliged by change of work or of residence to sell their poultry. Dealers in live poultry everywhere sort out from their general receipts the hens that show good breeding and quality to sell to back-yard poultry keepers.

For the back-yard flock kept to produce eggs only it is not necessary to have hens of extra good standard quality. What breeders of standard poultry call choice utility hens are as good as any for egg production and cost but little more than ordinary mongrels. Hens of this grade in the medium-sized breeds are usually a little under standard weights, and have superficial faults—as unsoundness of color, or irregularity of markings or of the shape of the comb—which in no way affect their laying capacity but make them unfit for exhibition and undesirable for breeding purposes.

When buying hens in person, particular attention should be given to the general condition—whether the bird seems vigorous and lively—and to the appearance of the comb and the condition of the feet. Healthy hens have bright red combs and bright eyes. A slight paleness of the comb is simply an indication that the hen is not laying at the time; but a bird whose comb has either a yellowish or a bluish cast should be rejected, for these are symptoms of internal disorders. The skin and scales of legs and toes should be smooth, and the soles of the feet soft and free from corns.

HOW TO CLASSIFY A SOLDIER

Hat Cord Designates Branch of Service

A military man can immediately tell to what division a soldier belongs by glancing at the cord on his hat, but to the average citizen the color of the hat cord denotes little or nothing. It is an interesting feature to be familiar with, especially now when so many soldiers are seen all over the country, and any one who takes the trouble to learn the following list will be rewarded by being able to satisfy his own curiosity respecting any soldier he happens to see without having to ask questions:

A cord of light blue signifies that the wearer belongs to the infantry; red denotes artillery; yellow, cavalry; buff, quartermaster's corps; red and white, engineer's corps; orange and white, signal corps; red and black, ordnance; black and white, field clerk; maroon and white, medical corps; black and gold, officers; silver and black, adjutant general's clerk; green, instructor home guards, and green and white, home guards.

As the Earth's Human Race Advances It Also Develops

Man has been on the earth perhaps some twenty odd thousand years, and it is only the last 3,000 that we are much concerned with. To suppose that a modern Englishman must necessarily be at a higher stage of mental development than an ancient Greek is almost the same mistake as to argue that Browning must be a better poet than Wordsworth because he came later. If the soul, or the brain, of man is developing, it is not developing so fast or so steadily as all that.

Organization of the Red Star.

An organization to do for animals in the army what the Red Cross does for human beings was organized on the invitation or suggestion of the war department in June, 1916. It is called the Red Star, and its headquarters are at 257 State street, Albany, N. Y.

Printing of Fabrics by Peruvians Similar to the Method Still Being Used

The ancients of Peru, by a curious coincidence—for there could not possibly have been any intercourse with their contemporaries in India and Egypt—seem to have used much the same kind of processes in printing their designs upon the fabrics they manufactured. Both Herodotus and Pliny, among early historians, according to a United States commerce report, have told us about the cloths of vegetable fiber made by the ancients; but in all likelihood the fabrics of the Peruvians were of even a more remote date. In some respects the methods of today bear strong resemblance to the older practice. The chief difference consists in the patterns now being engraved upon copper rollers and several colors being printed at one time. Just as today the coloring matter of dyes is not affixed by merely printing it on the material, but is secured by means of a substance known as mordant, so did the Peruvians make use of a property which caused the dye to adhere and to withstand a test of thousands of years' wear and tear. Experts have declared that in the direction of technical and artistic value the designs in question have no equal. They must undoubtedly have been wholly original, and could have owed their inception to no outside influences.

Japanese Woman One of the Greatest Financiers

Mme. Yone Suzuki, the wealthiest woman in Japan made more than \$100,000,000 in American money since the war began. Her war brides have been copper, rubber, and sugar ventures. In a financial operation now known as the Formosan sugar deal, a transaction involving sugar, camphor, real estate and many other things, she made \$50,000,000 in one fell swoop. She is not a shareholder in a corporation. She is the corporation. Since her husband's death she has been solely responsible for her business. But she is just a modest little woman, who received in a cultured Japanese household the prescribed education of the old school—she was trained to arrange flowers, serve tea, rear children and please a husband.—World Outlook.



Women all over the world realize more and more that their work at home helped the men at the front. It involved great sacrifices, hard work and unusual physical strength. Women at home should study nursing for the home. A good way to learn is to ask your druggist for a copy or send 50c to publishers of the "Medical Adviser," 663 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., and get a copy of their 1,000 page book bound in cloth, with chapters on First Aid, Taking Care of the Sick or Wounded, Physiology, Hygiene, Anatomy, Sex Problems, Mother and Babe. Nobody, man or woman, can do good work when health is impaired. If a woman is nervous or has dizzy spells, suffers from awful pains at regular or irregular intervals she should turn to a tonic made up of herbs, and without alcohol, which makes weak women strong and sick women well. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

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Was His Own Fault. "Mercy!" exclaimed the presiding elder, gazing shocked out of the window. "I believe your children are trying to kill one of their number, Brother Johnson! Ah!—now they have set upon him with clubs and are beating him savagely. You can hear his cries, and—"

"Aw, the one that's doing the yelling ain't none of my young 'uns," nonchalantly replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "He belongs to one of the neighbors—I can tell that by the fact that he ain't swearing. Something wrong with that kid, anyhow; every time he gets heated up he comes over yur for another beating."—Kansas City Star.

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Country's Champion Knitter. The day the armistice was signed Miss Hannah Turner of West Pittsfield, Mass., finished her one hundredth sweater for the navy. She began knitting in December, 1917, which means that she produced one sweater in every three days. When she notified Boston that she had completed her eightieth sweater she was told she had beaten any knitter in the United States. In her spare moments she also made one or two mufflers and some wristlets. She had never done any knitting before she undertook this wartime work.

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Cause for Rejoicing.
The morning of the eleventh, when the bells began ringing and the whistles blowing, Betty awakened up and asked what it meant.
"The war is over and now we shall have peace," I explained.
"Oh, goody!" she said in such a relieved tone. "Now I can begin to spend a little of my own money!"—Chicago Tribune.

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"Would you call a cat carnivorous or omnivorous?" "All I know about cats is that they are voracious."

A grateful nation will not be a boastful nation.

WAS GOOD ENOUGH REASON

Accused Man's Lawyer Asserted His Client's Innocence, So What Was There for Jury to Do?

"The following story either shows extreme ignorance on the part of a juror, or it shows what a wonderful charm some lawyers exercise on a jury," said a former marshal of a southern Indiana city.

"A murder was committed and it was not long before we had the man who we were sure had committed the deed. But he had money and he retained the best lawyers. The two lawyers we will call White and Black, because White and Black are not their real names. The jury was made up largely of men who tilled the soil. They were of the honest sort. White and Black, especially White, so presented their client's case, telling how he could not do such a horrible deed, using their handkerchiefs, occasionally in the telling, that the jurors were carried away and voted for acquittal.

"Later I met one of the jurors and I said to him: 'Jones, why did you vote to acquit the prisoner? The evidence showed clearly that he was guilty.'"

"No, sir, that man was not guilty," said Jones. "What makes you think so?" I countered. "Why, because Mr. White said he wasn't!" concluded Jones.

Chicago a Diamond Center. New York during the war has become one of the world's greatest centers of the diamond trade. The United States now buys almost the entire output of the South African mines, which supply 95 per cent of the world's diamonds. Several diamond cutting factories have been established in New York. The diamond headquarters of the West are in Chicago. It is said more cut and uncut diamonds are housed in one building in Chicago than in any one building in the world.

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Often the Case. "That Kaiser Bill was a bad actor." "Yes," said Mr. Stormington Barnes. "And like many another bad actor he was so busy getting his name in big type on the billboards that he failed to see the handwriting on the wall."

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